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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:

NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP LTD LLC, *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

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) Chapter 11
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) Case No. 20-32519 (DRJ)
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) (Jointly Administered)
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) **Re: Docket No. 37**

**ORDER (I) RESTATING AND
ENFORCING THE WORLDWIDE AUTOMATIC
STAY, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS, AND
IPSO FACTO PROTECTIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE,
(II) PERMITTING THE DEBTORS TO MODIFY THE AUTOMATIC
STAY IN THEIR SOLE DISCRETION TO PROCEED WITH LITIGATION
OR CONTESTED MATTERS COMMENCED PREPETITION, (III) APPROVING
THE FORM AND MANNER OF NOTICE, AND (IV) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an order (this “Order”), (a) restating and enforcing the worldwide automatic stay, anti-discrimination provisions, and *ipso facto* protections of the Bankruptcy Code, (b) modifying the automatic stay, to the extent the Debtors deem appropriate in their sole discretion, to proceed with litigation or contested matters commenced before the Petition Date against the Debtors, (c) approving the form and manner of notice, and (d) granting related

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² Capitalized terms used and not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted on a final basis as set forth herein.
2. Subject to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, all persons (including individuals, partnerships, corporations, and other entities and all those acting on their behalf) and governmental units, whether of the United States, any state or locality therein or any territory or possession thereof, or any non-U.S. jurisdiction (including any division, department, agency, instrumentality or service thereof, and all those acting on their behalf), are hereby stayed, restrained and enjoined from:

- (a) commencing or continuing (including the issuance or employment of process) any judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the Debtors that was or could have been commenced before the commencement of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases or recovering a claim

against the Debtors that arose before the commencement of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases;

- (b) enforcing, against the Debtors or against property of their estates, a judgment or order obtained before the commencement of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases;
- (c) taking any action, whether inside or outside the United States, to obtain possession of property of the Debtors' estates, wherever located, or to exercise control over property of the estates or interfere in any way with the conduct by the Debtors of their businesses, including, without limitation, attempts to interfere with deliveries or events or attempts to arrest, seize or reclaim any equipment, supplies or all other assets in which the Debtors have legal or equitable interests;
- (d) taking any action to create, perfect, or enforce any lien against the property of the Debtors' estates;
- (e) taking any action to create, perfect, or enforce against property of the Debtors any lien to the extent that such lien secures a claim that arose prior to the commencement of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases;
- (f) taking any action to collect, assess, or recover a claim against the Debtors that arose prior to the commencement of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases;
- (g) offsetting any debt owing to the Debtors that arose before the commencement of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases against any claim against the Debtors; and
- (h) commencing or continuing any proceeding concerning the Debtors, subject to the provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(b).

3. Pursuant to sections 362 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, notwithstanding a provision in a contract or lease or any applicable law, all persons are hereby stayed, restrained, and enjoined from terminating or modifying any and all contracts and leases to which the Debtors are party or signatory, at any time after the commencement of these cases because of a provision in such contract or lease that is conditioned on the: (a) insolvency or financial condition of the Debtors at any time before the closing of these cases; or (b) commencement of these cases under the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, all such persons may be required to continue to perform their obligations under such leases and contracts during the postpetition period.

4. Pursuant to section 525 of the Bankruptcy Code, all governmental units and other regulatory authorities are prohibited and enjoined from: (a) denying, revoking, suspending, or refusing to renew any license, permit, charter, franchise, or other similar grant to the Debtors; (b) placing conditions upon such a grant to the Debtors; or (c) discriminating against the Debtors with respect to such a grant, solely because the Debtors are debtors under the Bankruptcy Code, may have been insolvent before the commencement of these chapter 11 cases, or are insolvent during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases.

5. For the avoidance of doubt, this Order does not limit, expand, or enlarge the rights afforded to the Debtors or any other party under the Bankruptcy Code, nor does it modify the rights provided under §362(b)(4), and all rights of parties in interest to assert that any action is subject, or not subject, to the stay and injunction contemplated by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and this Order, including because of the operation of section 362(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, are preserved.

6. The form of Notice, attached as **Exhibit 1** hereto, is approved. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to serve the Notice upon creditors, governmental units or other regulatory authorities, and/or interested parties wherever located. The Debtors are authorized to procure and provide true and correct foreign-language translations of the Motion, this Order, or any other materials filed in these chapter 11 cases to any foreign party in interest at the Debtors' discretion.

7. Nothing in this Order or the Motion shall constitute a rejection or assumption by the Debtors, as debtors in possession, of any executory contract or unexpired lease.

8. The automatic stay is modified, solely to the extent the Debtors deem appropriate in their reasonable business judgment, to permit the Debtors to allow litigation or contested matters

commenced before the Petition Date to proceed, so long as the Debtors provide prior notice to the U.S. Trustee for the Southern District of Texas and counsel to any official committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

9. This Order remains subject to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, including its exceptions.

10. Notice of the Motion satisfies the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

11. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

12. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

13. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Signed: May 08, 2020.



DAVID R. JONES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Exhibit 1

Form of Notice

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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Debtors.

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) Chapter 11
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) Case No. 20-32519 (DRJ)
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) (Joint Administration Requested)
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**NOTICE OF ENTRY OF AN ORDER RESTATING AND
ENFORCING THE WORLDWIDE AUTOMATIC STAY, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION
PROVISIONS, AND *IPSO FACTO* PROTECTIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 7, 2020, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the “Debtors”) filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Court”). The Debtors’ chapter 11 cases are pending before the Honorable David R. Jones, United States Bankruptcy Judge, and are being jointly administered under the lead case *In re Neiman Marcus Group LTD LLC, et. al.*, Case No. 20-32519 (DRJ).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors’ filing of their respective voluntary petitions operates as a self-effectuating, statutory stay or injunction, applicable to all entities and protecting the Debtors from, among other

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things: (a) the commencement or continuation of a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the Debtors (i) that was or could have been commenced before the commencement of the Debtors' cases or (ii) to recover a claim against the Debtors that arose before the commencement of the Debtors' cases; (b) the enforcement, against the Debtors or against any property of the Debtors' bankruptcy estates, of a judgment obtained before the commencement of the Debtors' cases; or (c) any act to obtain possession of property of or from the Debtors' bankruptcy estates, or to exercise control over property of the Debtors' bankruptcy estates.²

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the *Order (I) Restating and Enforcing the Worldwide Automatic Stay, Anti-discrimination Provisions, and Ipso Facto Protections of the Bankruptcy Code, (II) Permitting the Debtors to Modify the Automatic Stay in Their Sole Discretion to Proceed with Litigation or Contested Matters Commenced Prepetition, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice, and (IV) Granting Related Relief* (the "Order") [Docket No. [●]], entered on [●], 2020, and attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, all persons wherever located (including individuals, partnerships, corporations, and other entities and all those acting on their behalf), persons party to a contract or agreement with the Debtors, governmental units, whether of the United States, any state or locality therein or any territory or possession thereof, or any foreign country (including any division, department, agency, instrumentality or service thereof, and all those acting on their behalf), are hereby put on notice that they are subject to the Order and must comply with its terms and provisions.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any entity that seeks to assert claims or interests against, seeks or asserts causes of action or other legal or equitable remedies against, or

² Nothing herein shall constitute a waiver of the right to assert any claims, counterclaims, defenses, rights of setoff or recoupment or any other claims of the Debtors against any party to the above-captioned cases. The Debtors expressly reserve the right to contest any claims which may be asserted against the Debtors.

otherwise exercises any rights in law or equity against the Debtors or their estates must do so in front of the Court pursuant to the Order, the Bankruptcy Code, and applicable law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, any governmental agency, department, division or subdivision, or any similar governing authority is prohibited from, among other things: (a) denying, revoking, suspending, or refusing to renew any license, permit, charter, franchise, or other similar grant to the Debtors; (b) placing conditions upon such a grant to the Debtors; or (c) discriminating against the Debtors with respect to such a grant, solely because the Debtors are debtors under the Bankruptcy Code, may have been insolvent before the commencement of these chapter 11 cases, or are insolvent during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases as set forth more particularly in the Order.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, parties to contracts or agreements with the Debtors are prohibited from terminating such contracts or agreements because of a Debtor's bankruptcy filing—except as permitted by the Court under applicable law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to sections 105(a) and 362(k) of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 9020 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), among other applicable substantive law and rules of procedure, any person or governmental unit seeking to assert its rights or obtain relief outside of the processes set forth in the Order, the Bankruptcy Code, and applicable law may be subject to proceedings in front of the Court for failure to comply with the Order and applicable law—including contempt proceedings resulting in fines, sanctions, and punitive damages against the entity and its assets inside the United States.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that additional information regarding the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, including copies of pleadings filed therein, may be obtained by:

(a) reviewing the publicly-available docket of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases at <http://www.txs.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy> (PACER login and password required); (b) accessing the Debtors' publicly available website providing information regarding these chapter 11 cases, located online at <https://cases.stretto.com/NMG>; or (c) contacting the undersigned proposed co-counsel for the Debtors.

Houston, Texas

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Exhibit A to Form Notice

Order